

professional baseball team, including a professional baseball team that is a corporation, limited liability company, or a partnership or operated as a sole proprietorship, that—

(A) operates for profit or as a nonprofit organization;

(B) is located in the United States; and

(C)(i) as of February 29, 2020, was a member of a league that was a member of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, Inc.; or

(ii) has been offered and is operating or has agreed to operate under—

(I) a Player Development License granted by MLB Professional Development Leagues, LLC; or

(II) a license granted by Appalachian League, Inc.

(8) **PAYROLL COSTS.**—The term “payroll costs” has the meaning given the term in section 7(a)(36)(A) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(36)(A)).

**SA 2548.** Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. HOEVEN) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end of title VIII of division D, add the following:

**SEC. 408. JOINT CHIEFS LANDSCAPE RESTORATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM.**

(a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) **CHIEFS.**—The term “Chiefs” means the Chief of the Forest Service and the Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

(2) **ELIGIBLE ACTIVITY.**—The term “eligible activity” means an activity—

(A) to reduce the risk of wildfire;

(B) to protect water quality and supply; or

(C) to improve wildlife habitat for at-risk species.

(3) **PROGRAM.**—The term “Program” means the Joint Chiefs Landscape Restoration Partnership program established under subsection (b)(1).

(4) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture.

(5) **WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE.**—The term “wildland-urban interface” has the meaning given the term in section 101 of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6511).

(b) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall establish a Joint Chiefs Landscape Restoration Partnership program to improve the health and resilience of forest landscapes across National Forest System land and State, Tribal, and private land.

(2) **ADMINISTRATION.**—The Secretary shall administer the Program by coordinating eligible activities conducted on National Forest System land and State, Tribal, or private land across a forest landscape to improve the health and resilience of the forest landscape by—

(A) assisting producers and landowners in implementing eligible activities on eligible private or Tribal land using the applicable programs and authorities administered by the Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service under title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3801 et seq.), not including the conservation reserve program established under subchapter B of chapter 1 of subtitle D of that title (16 U.S.C. 3831 et seq.); and

(B) conducting eligible activities on National Forest System land or assisting landowners in implementing eligible activities on State, Tribal, or private land using the applicable programs and authorities administered by the Chief of the Forest Service.

(c) **SELECTION OF ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.**—The appropriate Regional Forester and State Conservationist shall jointly submit to the Chiefs on an annual basis proposals for eligible activities under the Program.

(d) **EVALUATION CRITERIA.**—In evaluating and selecting proposals submitted under subsection (c), the Chiefs shall consider—

(1) criteria including whether the proposal—

(A) reduces wildfire risk in a municipal watershed or the wildland-urban interface;

(B) was developed through a collaborative process with participation from diverse stakeholders;

(C) increases forest workforce capacity or forest business infrastructure and development;

(D) leverages existing authorities and non-Federal funding;

(E) provides measurable outcomes; or

(F) supports established State and regional priorities; and

(2) such other criteria relating to the merits of the proposals as the Chiefs determine to be appropriate.

(e) **OUTREACH.**—The Secretary shall provide—

(1) public notice on the websites of the Forest Service and the Natural Resources Conservation Service describing—

(A) the solicitation of proposals under subsection (c); and

(B) the criteria for selecting proposals in accordance with subsection (d); and

(2) information relating to the Program and activities funded under the Program to States, Indian Tribes, units of local government, and private landowners.

(f) **EXCLUSIONS.**—An eligible activity may not be carried out under the Program—

(1) in a wilderness area or designated wilderness study area;

(2) in an inventoried roadless area;

(3) on any Federal land on which, by Act of Congress or Presidential proclamation, the removal of vegetation is restricted or prohibited; or

(4) in an area in which the eligible activity would be inconsistent with the applicable land and resource management plan.

(g) **ACCOUNTABILITY.**—

(1) **INITIAL REPORT.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report providing recommendations to Congress relating to the Program, including a review of—

(A) funding mechanisms for the Program;

(B) staff capacity to carry out the Program;

(C) privacy laws applicable to the Program;

(D) data collection under the Program;

(E) monitoring and outcomes under the Program; and

(F) such other matters as the Secretary considers to be appropriate.

(2) **ADDITIONAL REPORTS.**—For each of fiscal years 2022 and 2023, the Chiefs shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives a report describing projects for which funding is provided under the Program, including the status and outcomes of those projects.

(h) **FUNDING.**—

(1) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out the Program

\$90,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 and 2023.

(2) **ADDITIONAL FUNDS.**—In addition to the funds described in paragraph (1), the Secretary may obligate available funds from accounts used to carry out the existing Joint Chiefs' Landscape Restoration Partnership prior to the date of enactment of this Act to carry out the Program.

(3) **DURATION OF AVAILABILITY.**—Funds made available under paragraph (1) shall remain available until expended.

(4) **DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.**—Of the funds made available under paragraph (1)—

(A) not less than 40 percent shall be allocated to carry out eligible activities through the Natural Resources Conservation Service;

(B) not less than 40 percent shall be allocated to carry out eligible activities through the Forest Service; and

(C) the remaining funds shall be allocated by the Chiefs to the Natural Resources Conservation Service or the Forest Service—

(i) to carry out eligible activities; or

(ii) for other purposes, such as technical assistance, project development, or local capacity building.

**SA 2549.** Mr. CASEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of division H, insert the following:

**TITLE VII—QUALIFIED COMMUNITY COLLEGE BONDS**

**SEC. 80701. SHORT TITLE.**

This title may be cited as the “Community College Infrastructure Act of 2021”.

**SEC. 80702. TAX CREDIT FOR QUALIFIED COMMUNITY COLLEGE BONDS.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting after subpart G the following new subpart:

**“Subpart H—Qualified Community College Bonds**

**“SEC. 54. QUALIFIED COMMUNITY COLLEGE BONDS.**

“(a) **QUALIFIED COMMUNITY COLLEGE BONDS.**—For purposes of this subchapter, the term ‘qualified community college bond’ means any bond issued as part of an issue if—

“(1) 95 percent of the available project proceeds of such issue are to be used for a qualified purpose with respect to a qualified community college,

“(2) the bond is issued by a State or local government in consultation with the jurisdictions of which such college is located, and

“(3) the issuer—

“(A) designates such bond for purposes of this section, and

“(B) certifies that it has the written approval of the governing body for such bond issuance.

“(b) **LIMITATION ON AMOUNT OF BONDS DESIGNATED.**—

“(1) **NATIONAL LIMITATION.**—There is a national community college bond limitation of \$400,000,000 for each calendar year.

“(2) **ALLOCATION OF LIMITATION.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The national community college bond limitation for a calendar year shall be allocated by the Secretary